

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-27 remain in this application, and claim 4 is canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claim 14 is rewritten above in the manner referred to by the Examiner in section 10 on page 5 of the Office Action and should now be allowable. Claims 15 and 16 depend on claim 14 and should be allowable as well.

Claim 22 is properly amended above and now complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Independent claims 1, 21, and 24 are rejected, along with certain dependent claims, as being unpatentable over the Porsche and Kanou documents relied on previously. Each of claims 1, 21, and 24, however, is amended above to include limitations previously appearing in claim 4 and other additional limitations. The Porsche roof 7 (or 7') is formed from a single metal sheet and does not have exterior and interior walls. As is apparent from Figures 2 and 3 of the Kanou document, at least the right hand end of the Kanou roof 4 does not include an inwardly expanded interior wall profiling. It follows, therefore, that the Porsche and Kanou disclosures, taken as a whole, do not suggest a roof having exterior and interior walls extending at a relatively narrow distance with respect to one another along a significant area delimited by inwardly expanded interior wall profilings as currently amended independent claims 1, 21, and 24 recite. The additional secondary references discussed in sections 6-9 on pages 4-5 of the Office Action fail to suggest the provision of structure which would meet

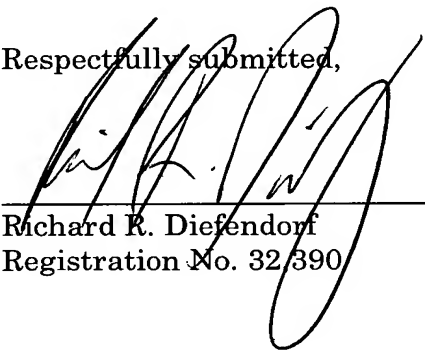
the limitations referred to, and it is submitted that claims 1, 21, and 24 as they now appear in the application are patentable. Claims 2, 3, 5-13, and 17-20, which depend on claim 1, claims 22 and 23, which depend on claim 21, and claims 25-27, which depend on claim 24, should be patentable as well.

This application should now be allowable for reasons discussed above. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #028987.52713US).

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